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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
Department of Political Science

Political Science 230E
Introduction to International Relations
Summer, 1996

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Hrs:

1. Basic reading for the course will be assigned from:
 - John Stoessinger, THE MIGHT OF NATIONS: WORLD POLITICS IN OUR TIME (10th ed.)
 - CLASSICAL READINGS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (mimeo packet)
2. In addition, regular reading of a daily newspaper (and/or weekly news-magazine) is expected.
3. There will be a 1 hour midterm: June 12 (Wed); and a 1 hour final exam: June 28 (Fri). (1st 1/2 of mimeo pack due for midterm; 2nd 1/2 due for final). Three page essay due June 17 (Mon); explained in class.

Course Outline

Reading (Stoessinger)

I. INTRODUCTION

- a. What are "International Relations?" Ch. 1
- b. Problem of Theory
- c. National might and human values

II. HISTORICAL CONTEXT FOR PRESENT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- a. Roman Empire Ch. 2
- b. Holy Roman Empire
- c. Peace of Westphalia (emergence of the state)
- d. Problem of Sovereignty
- e. Balance of Power/"Classical Politics"

III. NATURE OF MODERN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- a. Dilemma of International Relations Ch. 6,3,5,7,4
 - 1) Struggle for Power v. Struggle for Order
- b. The Bomb: Moral views on war & peace in the Nuclear Age
- c. Cold War: Ideology and Politics
- d. The "third world" - "Haves" v. "Have Nots"

IV. THE SEARCH FOR WORLD ORDER

- a. International Law: law & justice Ch.9,10-13,8,14
- b. International Organization: allocating values
- c. International Politics/Diplomacy: ethics & statesmanship
- d. Prospects for World Order: ethical relationships & choices